

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Interagency Coordination Committee

Inasmuch as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) have related responsibilities in a number of program areas, it is in the national interest that such programs be closely coordinated and mutually supportive. Accordingly, there is hereby established a USBR-USGS Interagency Coordinating Committee with the following responsibilities:

1. To provide for the coordination of mutual programs between the two agencies. This includes the following type of activities:
 - Geographic information systems, mapping, surveying, and remote sensing
 - Land and water resources planning and classification
 - Water resources investigations and research
 - Geologic investigations and research
 - Data collection and information systems.
2. To provide for the exchange of technical and budget data, information, and findings of mutual concern.
3. To cooperate in technology transfer programs, partnerships with the private sector, and international assistance programs.

The Committee will have the authority to make decisions within its areas of responsibilities wherein there is agreement. Disagreements will be resolved by the agency heads.

The Committee will have the authority to establish subcommittees and charge working groups to consider specific proposals or problem areas, as required.

The Committee will be jointly chaired by the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Director, Geological Survey, or their designees. Committee membership will consist of policy level officials representing the specific activities indicated above.

The full Committee will meet at least once a year or as often as necessary to resolve immediate problems. Meetings involving a limited number of Committee members may be held more frequently to ensure continued effective coordination of programs and issues. Subcommittees and work groups will meet as necessary.

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) shall be effective on the date of the last signature hereto and will continue in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party. This MOU supersedes the April 15, 1983, MOU.

(Signed Original on File)

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U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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U.S. Geological Survey

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Date: April 9, 1992